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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 STEPHEN HAROLD GITCHELL,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

15 Defendant.  
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Case No. 1:21-cv-00157-SAB

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO  
PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* AND  
DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO ISSUE  
SUMMONS

(ECF No. 2)

17 Stephen Harold Gitchell ("Plaintiff") filed a complaint on February 8, 2021, along with  
18 an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (ECF Nos. 1, 2.)  
19 Plaintiff's application demonstrates entitlement to proceed without prepayment of fees.

20 Plaintiff is hereby directed to paragraph 1 of the scheduling order to be issued in this  
21 action, which directs that the summons and complaint shall be served **within 20 days of the**  
22 **filing of the complaint.** Plaintiff shall promptly file proof of service with the Court upon  
23 completion of service.

24 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 25 1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED;  
26 2. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to issue a summons; and

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- 1           3.       The United States Marshal is DIRECTED to serve a copy of the complaint,  
2                       summons, and this order upon the defendant if requested by the plaintiff.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: **February 10, 2021**

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE